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Applicant

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For

: Method and laser system controlling breakdown process

development and space structure of laser radiation for production

of high quality laser-induced damage images

Examiner

: Samuel M. Heinrich

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Please add to claims of the application indicated above, the following new claim: 15 (new): An apparatus for generating laser-induced damage within transparent material by controlling breakdown process development of damage area comprising:

means for generating laser radiation having sufficient energy to induced a plasma condition and to create a breakdown at a predetermined point inside said material; and

means for directing and focusing said laser radiation at said point to generate breakdown and thereafter to maintain said condition until sufficient total energy has been delivered to said material so that a resultant damage area of the desired sizes will be created in said material.

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